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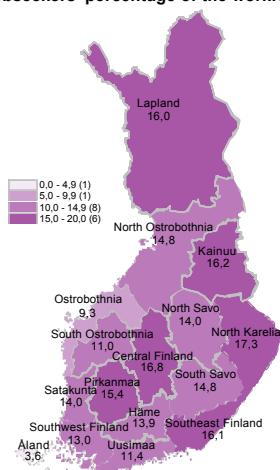
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In March, the number of unemployed jobseekers was 351,000

Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce by ELY centre



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A total of 351,000 unemployed jobseekers were registered at the Employment and Economic Development Offices at the end of March. This is 4,000 more than a year earlier. The number of unemployed jobseekers decreased by 10,000 from the previous month. Unemployed jobseekers accounted for 13.3% of the labour force which is 0.1 percentage points more than a year ago. The figures are from the Employment Service Statistics of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy.

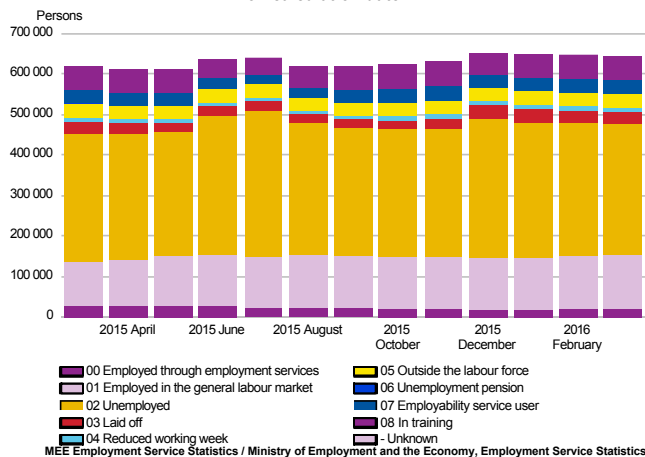
Trends:

- The total number of jobseekers increased
- The number of unemployed jobseekers increased by 4,000 compared to the year before
- Services included in the activation rate had 5,600 less people than a year ago
- The number of new job vacancies was almost the same as last year.



All jobseekers

Jobseekers by group
on calculation date



The total number of jobseekers increased

At the end of March, the number of unemployed jobseekers registered at the Employment and Economic Development Offices totalled 646,600, up 26,400 on the previous year. Of the jobseekers, 338,500 were men and 308,100 were women. Compared to the situation a year ago, the number of men increased by 9,800 and the number of women by 16,600.

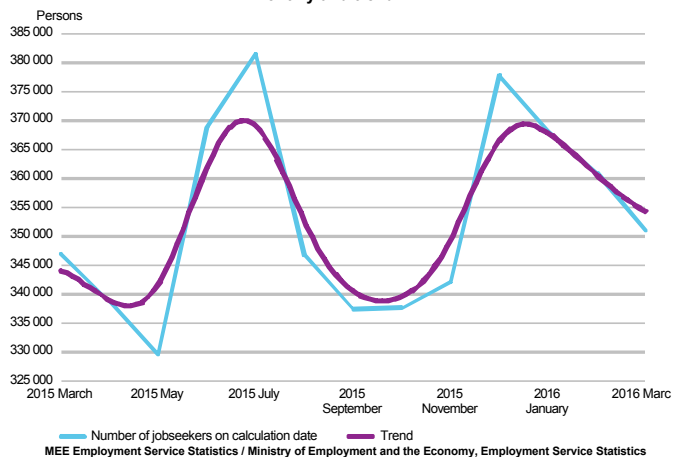
Of the jobseekers, 154,600 were employed, 134,400 of them were on the open labour market and 20,200 were employed through the services of the employment and economic development administration. The number of jobseekers outside the labour force was 130,000, of whom 36,300 were in services promoting employment and 60,500 in training. Of the jobseekers, 351,000 were unemployed jobseekers, which is 4,000 more than the year before. In March, 28,100 of unemployed jobseekers were fully laid off, which is 2,400 less than in February. Since March of the year before, the number of people fully laid off has decreased by 4,400.

Furthermore, jobseekers on a reduced working week numbered 11,100, representing an increase of 1,500 from the year before.



Unemployed jobseekers

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
monthly and trend



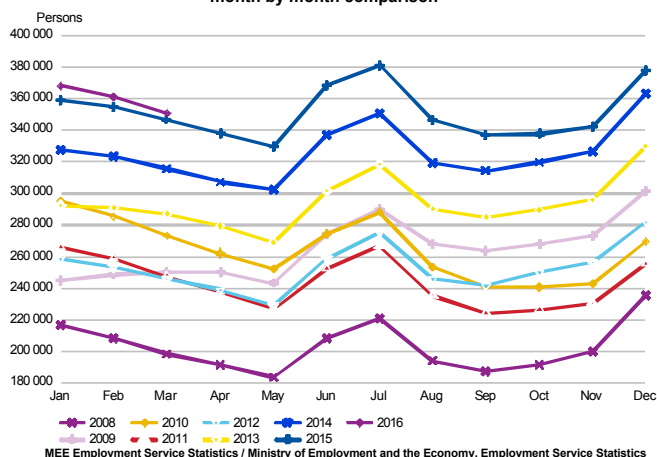
The number of unemployed jobseekers increased in March

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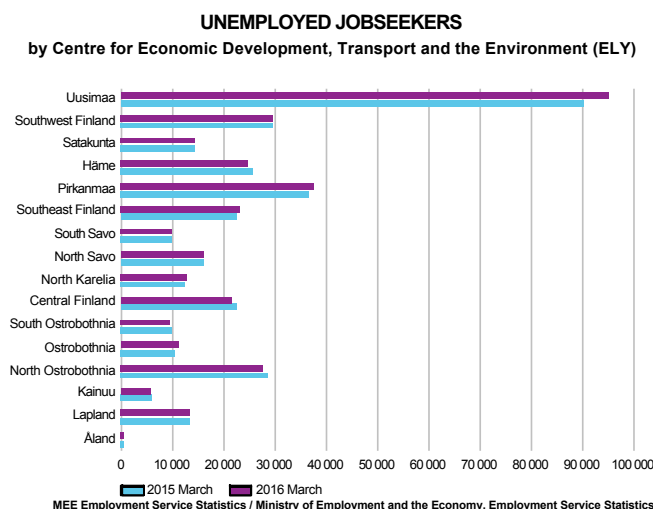
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The number of foreign citizens among unemployed jobseekers totalled 32,400, up 900 from March a year ago. Of these foreign unemployed jobseekers, EU/EEA citizens accounted for 10,400 at the end of March, up 500 from the year before.

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
month by month comparison



Unemployed jobseekers by region



Unemployment decreased in nine areas

Compared to the same period in the previous year, the number of unemployed jobseekers decreased in March in the areas of nine Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY Centres); the most in Kainuu (-5%), Häme (-3%) and North Ostrobothnia (-3%). Unemployment increased the most in Uusimaa (5%), Ostrobothnia (5%), South-East Finland (3 %) Pirkanmaa (3%) and North Karelia (3%)

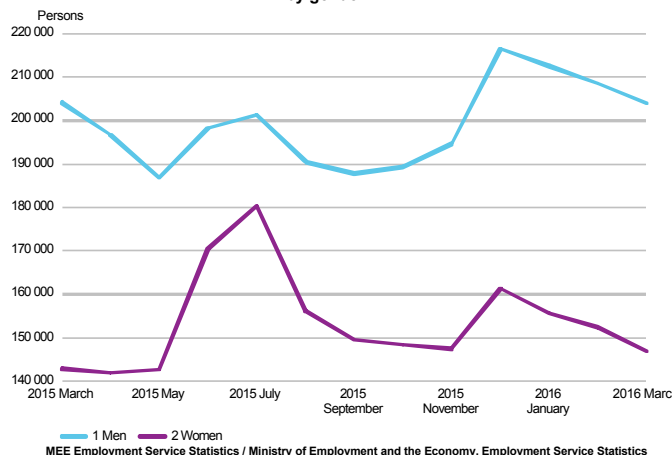
Unemployed jobseekers and jobs vacant in Employment and Economic Development Office by ELY centre

ELY centre	Unemployed jobseekers			Change		Of the unemployed jobseekers fully laid off	Unemployed jobseekers' percentage of the workforce	Jobs vacant			Change	
	Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2015	Mar 2016	Mar 2015			Mar 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2015	Mar 2016	Mar 2015
Uusimaa	94 867	96 469	90 149	4 718	5	5 020	11,4	14 515	17 767	13 727	788	6
Southwest Finland	29 403	30 565	29 405	-2	0	2 352	13,0	3 669	4 270	3 542	127	4
Satakunta	14 425	14 839	14 301	124	1	1 457	14,0	1 842	2 521	1 688	154	9
Häme	24 597	25 484	25 539	-942	-4	1 950	13,9	2 597	3 666	2 748	-151	-5
Pirkanmaa	37 430	38 284	36 402	1 028	3	3 455	15,4	4 474	4 914	3 319	1 155	35
Southeast Finland	22 845	23 573	22 305	540	2	2 128	16,1	1 872	3 393	2 120	-248	-12
South Savo	9 820	10 143	9 845	-25	0	1 054	14,8	1 233	1 638	1 706	-473	-28
North Savo	15 797	16 340	15 968	-171	-1	1 760	14,0	2 021	2 262	1 921	100	5
North Karelia	12 696	12 898	12 385	311	3	1 097	17,3	1 269	1 753	996	273	27
Central Finland	21 496	22 023	22 212	-716	-3	1 525	16,8	1 811	1 791	1 478	333	23
South Ostrobothnia	9 637	10 262	9 662	-25	0	1 250	11,0	1 794	2 997	1 747	47	3
Ostrobothnia	10 941	11 518	10 410	531	5	1 248	9,3	1 403	3 377	1 875	-472	-25
North Ostrobothnia	27 574	28 547	28 445	-871	-3	2 247	14,8	3 579	3 372	4 012	-433	-11
Kainuu	5 484	5 647	5 771	-287	-5	420	16,2	765	711	435	330	76
Lapland	13 270	13 631	13 465	-195	-1	1 071	16,0	1 581	2 243	1 731	-150	-9
Åland	533	577	564	-31	-5	12	3,6	332	423	329	3	1
Abroad	166	172	160	6	4	29	.	2 640	2 753	3 573	-933	-26
WHOLE COUNTRY	350 981	360 972	346 988	3 993	1	28 075	13,3	47 397	59 851	46 947	450	1



Unemployed jobseekers by gender and age-group

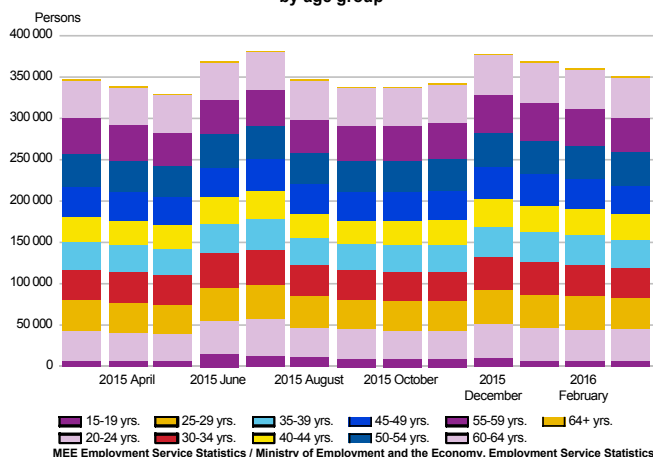
UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
by gender



Unemployment decreased among men

Of the unemployed jobseekers, 204,100 (58%) were men and 146,900 (42%) were women, indicating a decrease of 4,600 for men and 5,400 for women from the figures for February. Compared with March a year ago, the unemployment among men decreased by 100 (-0%) and increased among women by 4,100 (3%).

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
by age group



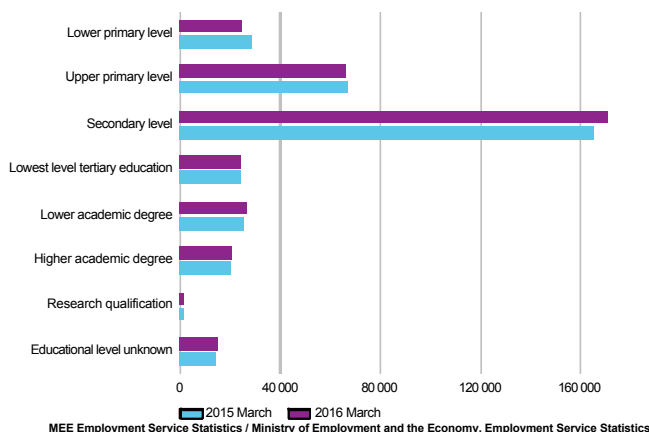
Unemployment grew in almost all age groups

At the end of March, unemployed jobseekers under 25 years of age numbered 44,700 representing an increase by 700 from March a year ago. Youth unemployment decreased from February by 1,400. For those under 20, the number of unemployed was 7,400. Among those over 50, the number of unemployed was 131,400, representing an increase of 1,900 on the year before. Among those over 55, the number of unemployed was 92,100, representing an increase of 1,900 on the year before.



Unemployed jobseekers by levels of education and occupational group

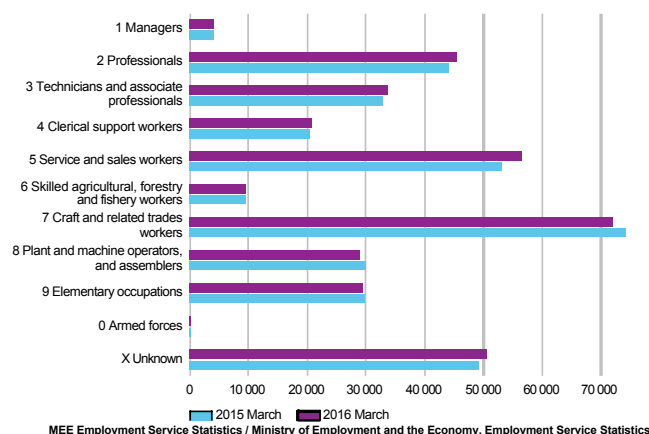
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
by level of education**



Unemployment increased especially among those with a higher level of education

Examined by level of education, the unemployment decreased from March of last year among those with lower level basic qualifications (-12%), higher level basic qualifications (-1%) and lowest level of tertiary education (-0%). Unemployment grew the most among those with doctorate or equivalent level tertiary education (8%), lower-degree level tertiary education (5%) and higher-degree level tertiary education (4%).

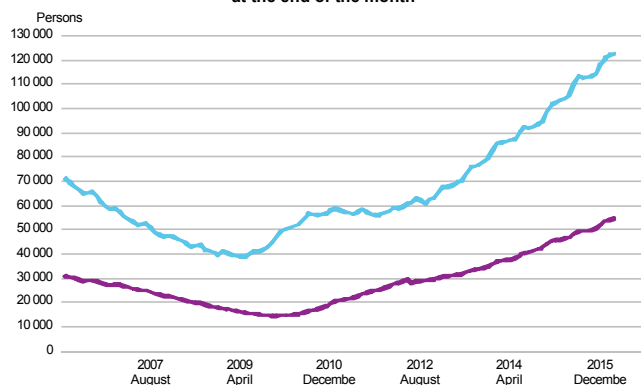
**UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS
by occupational group**



Unemployment decreased in four occupational groups

Examined by occupation, unemployment decreased in four groups from March of last year; the most in the groups of construction, repair and manufacturing workers (-2,000) and process and transport workers (-1,100). Consequently, unemployment grew the most in the groups of service and sales personnel (3,400), 'unknown' (1,500) specialised experts (1,500) and skilled workers (800).

**LONG-TERM UNEMPLOYED
at the end of the month**

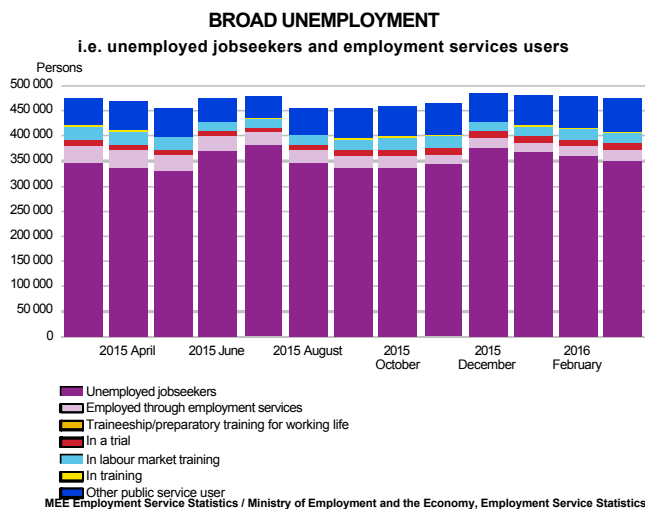


Long-term unemployment continued to grow

At the end of March, the number of long-term unemployed who have been unemployed without interruption for more than a year amounted 122,600, up 19,400 on the previous year. Of the long-term unemployed, 71,900 were men and 50,700 were women. The number of men increased by 11,100 (18%) from the previous year and the number of women by 8,300 (20%). Long-term unemployed who had been unemployed without interruption for more than two years numbered 54,700, which is 8,800 more than a year ago.



Services

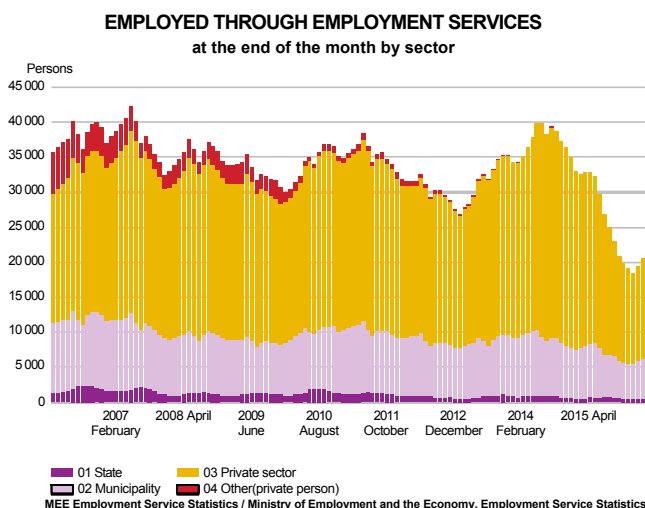


Decrease in the number of persons covered by services

At the end of March, the number of persons covered by services included in the activation rate amounted to 123,900, down 5,400 on the previous year. Compared with February, the number of persons covered by such services increased by 4,900. The activation rate at the end of March was 26.1%, which is 1.0 percentage points lower than a year earlier. In all, 4.6% of the labour force was covered by these services.

Of those covered by services, the number of men was 58,800, down 2,700 on the previous year. The number of women covered by these services was 65,100, down 2,700 on the previous year.

Broad unemployment, or the total number of unemployed jobseekers and those covered by services, was 474,800 at the end of March. This is 1,400 less than a year earlier. The decrease in broad unemployment was due to the decrease in the number of persons covered by services.



The number of placements decreased in all sectors

At the end of March, the number of persons claiming pay subsidies, employed by the State or receiving start-up grants totalled 20,500, which is 12,200 less than the year before. Of those employed, 3% were in government jobs, 28% in local government jobs and 69% in the private sector. Since March of the year before, the number of placements has decreased by 7% in government jobs, by 23% in local government jobs and by 42% in the private sector. Of those employed, 51% were men. Placements for men decreased by 5,800, and those for women by 6,400 from the previous year.



Labour market training, training and self-motivated studies

PERSONS IN LABOUR MARKET TRAINING
in target profession at the end of the month

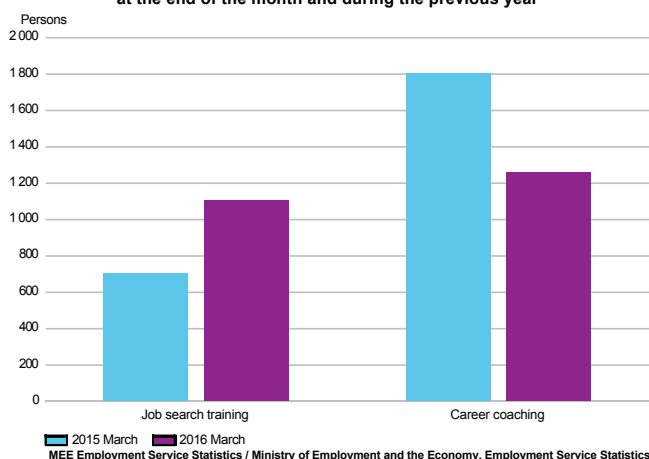


Decrease in labour market training

At the end of March, labour market training was attended by 22,100 students, down 3,500 on the previous year. Of the students, 11,500 were men and 10,700 were women. Compared to the situation a year ago, the number of men decreased by 1,600 and the number of women by 1,900. During March, 4,300 new students began labour market training, representing a decrease of 600 on the year before.

Based on target occupation, the largest subgroup within the category of 'unknown' were people in integration training (7,600), which is 800 more than the year before. In March, the number of people without a specified target occupation was 1,000, which is 200 less than in March last year.

IN TRAINING
at the end of the month and during the previous year



The number of persons in training decreased slightly

At the end of March, 2,400 persons were in training, which is 200 less than the year before. The number of men in training was 1,300 and of women 1,100. Work and training trials had 600 participants less than the year before. The number of participants in job search training increased by 400 compared to March last year.

IN SELF-MOTIVATED STUDIES
in person's profession at the end of the month



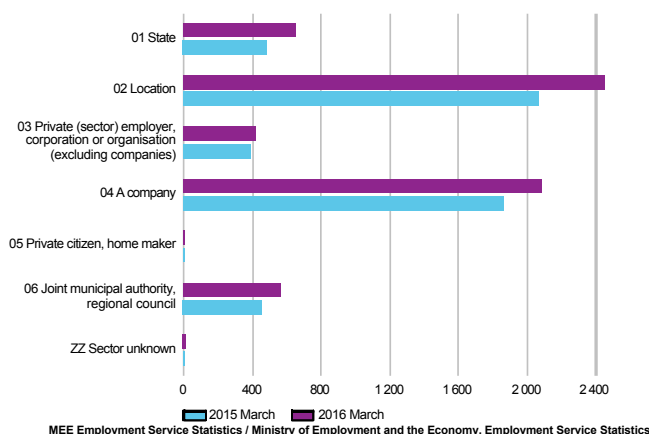
The number of people in self-motivated study increased from the previous year

Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefits were attended by a total of 36,000 people, representing an increase of 5,400 on the year before. The number of men receiving unemployment benefits for studies was 14,200, up 2,300 on the previous year. Among women, the number was 21,800, representing an increase of 3,100 on the year before. Occupation was undetermined in case of 7,100 persons in the group of 'unknown', up 1,100 on the previous year.



Job alternation, rehabilitative work and trials

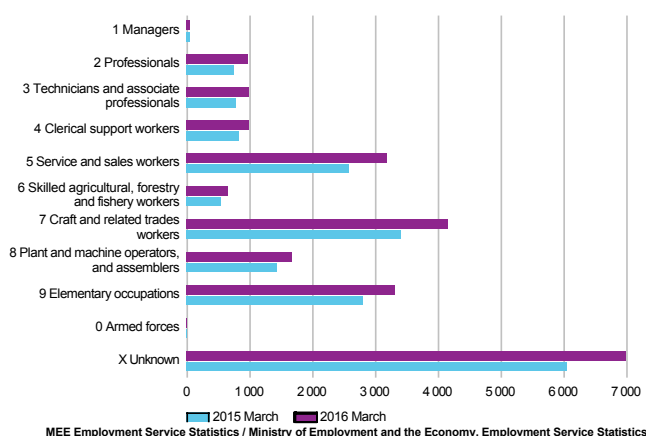
AS A JOB ALTERNATION SUBSTITUTE
at the end of the month and during the previous year by sector



The number of job alternation substitutes increased

A total of 6,200 persons were job alternation substitutes at the end of March, which is 900 more than a year earlier. Of these job alternation substitutes, a total of 2,000 were men, representing an increase of 200 on the year before. The corresponding number for women was 4,200, up 700 on March the year before.

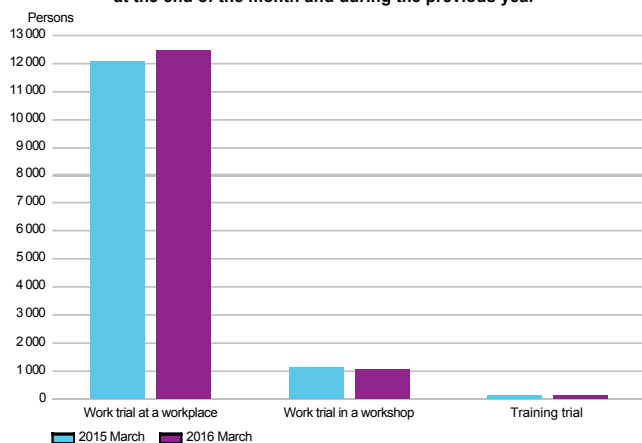
REHABILITATIVE WORK ACTIVITIES
at the end of the month and during the previous year



More participants in rehabilitative work activities than in the previous year

A total of 22,900 persons participated in rehabilitative work activities at the end of March, which is 3,700 more than a year earlier. Of the participants 13,100 were men and 9,800 were women. The number of men increased by 2,000 a year earlier, and the number of women by 1,700.

IN TRIALS
at the end of the month and during the previous year



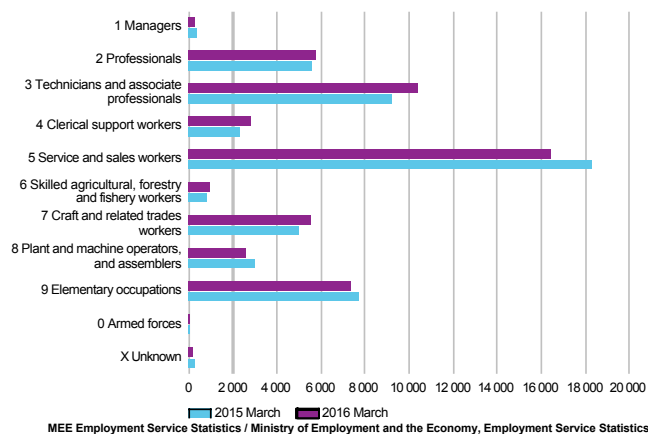
Participation in work and training trials increased from the previous year

Work and training trials had a total of 13,700 participants at the end of March, which is 400 more than a year earlier. Of the participants, 6,200 were men and 7,500 were women. The number of men increased by 300, and the number of women by 100.



Jobs vacant

NEW JOB VACANCIES
during the month and during the previous year



The number of new job vacancies was almost the same as the year before

The number of new vacancies reported to Employment and Economic Development Offices during March totalled 52,200, which is 300 less than March in the previous year. In all, the number of unfilled vacancies at Employment and Economic Development Offices amounted to 108,700 in March, which is 3,200 less than a year ago. A total of 12,300 of these vacancies were filled during March, 6,800 of them through Employment and Economic Development Offices. The number of vacancies remaining unfilled at the end of March was 47,400, up 400 on the previous year.

The number of new vacancies had increased for six occupational groups; the most in the groups of skilled workers (1,300), office and customer service workers (500) and construction, repair and manufacturing workers (500). The number of new job vacancies had decreased in five occupational groups; the most in the group of service and sales personnel (-1,800).



Summary table

EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2016 MARCH (I) AND
ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES DURING MARCH (II)
WHOLE COUNTRY

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Mar-16	Mar-15	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
A. JOBSEEKERS				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	350 981	346 988	3 993	1,2
of whom fully laid off	28 075	32 437	-4 362	-13,4
2. On reduced working week	11 060	9 542	1 518	15,9
3. Those who have work	154 631	135 993	18 638	13,7
of whom in the general labour market	134 404	107 911	26 493	24,6
of whom employed through employment services	20 227	28 082	-7 855	-28,0
4. Persons outside the labour force	129 963	121 379	8 584	7,1
of whom in services promoting employment	36 308	33 037	3 271	9,9
of whom in training	60 501	55 720	4 781	8,6
5. On unemployment pension	0	6 359	-6 359	-100,0
1-5 Total of jobseekers	646 635	620 261	26 374	4,3
B. LABOUR DEMAND				
1. Jobs vacant	47 397	46 947	450	1,0
of those notified for over a month	19 039	19 393	-354	-1,8
of those notified for over 2 months	6 652	7 516	-864	-11,5
C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES				
1. Employed by the State	561	604	-43	-7,1
2. Employed by municipalities	5 714	7 449	-1 735	-23,3
3. Employed by the private sector	14 269	24 707	-10 438	-42,2
1-3 Total number of employed people	20 544	32 760	-12 216	-37,3
4. Labour market training	22 128	25 592	-3 464	-13,5
5. Training	2 355	2 515	-160	-6,4
6. Engaged in work/training trials	13 706	13 299	407	3,1
7. As a job alternation substitute	6 184	5 266	918	17,4
8. Rehabilitative work	22 909	19 164	3 745	19,5
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	36 027	30 618	5 409	17,7
1-9 Total number of people participating in services	123 853	129 214	-5 361	-4,1
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1. Unemployed women	146 927	142 806	4 121	2,9
2. Unemployed men	204 054	204 182	-128	-0,1
3. Under 25 years old	44 722	44 037	685	1,6
4. Over 50 years old	131 377	129 452	1 925	1,5
5. Unemployed over a year	122 633	103 251	19 382	18,8
6. Foreign unemployed	32 401	31 484	917	2,9
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	156 822	160 241	-3 419	-2,1
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	386 606	388 782	-2 176	-0,6
2. Other jobseekers	281 771	254 822	26 949	10,6
1-2 Total number of jobseekers	668 377	643 604	24 773	3,8
3. Vacancies during a month	108 712	111 900	-3 188	-2,8
New vacancies during a month	52 244	52 496	-252	-0,5
Vacancies filled during a month	12 274	15 715	-3 441	-21,9
of those filled with job-seekers at the Employment Service	6 826	9 192	-2 366	-25,7
4. Started spell of unemployment	40 349	44 838	-4 489	-10,0
5. Completed spell of unemployment	45 687	54 762	-9 075	-16,6
6. New jobs found through employment services	3 395	5 175	-1 780	-34,4



Foreigners' summary table

FOREIGNERS' EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF 2016 MARCH (I) AND
ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICES DURING MARCH (II)
WHOLE COUNTRY

I EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THE END OF MONTH	Mar-16	Mar-15	CHANGE NUMBER	CHANGE %
A. JOBSEEKERS				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	32 401	31 484	917	2,9
of whom fully laid off	2 093	2 260	-167	-7,4
2. On reduced working week	381	346	35	10,1
3. Those who have work	13 251	10 753	2 498	23,2
of whom in the general labour market	11 644	8 695	2 949	33,9
of whom employed through employment services	1 607	2 058	-451	-21,9
4. Persons outside the labour force	26 699	24 617	2 082	8,5
of whom in services promoting employment	4 732	4 552	180	4,0
of whom in training	18 856	17 016	1 840	10,8
5. On unemployment pension	0	27	-27	-100,0
1-5 Total of jobseekers	72 732	67 227	5 505	8,2
C. PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES				
1. Employed by the State	14	11	3	27,3
2. Employed by municipalities	405	466	-61	-13,1
3. Employed by the private sector	1 040	1 683	-643	-38,2
1-3 Total number of employed people	1 459	2 160	-701	-32,5
4. Labour market training	9 005	9 032	-27	-0,3
5. Training	256	328	-72	-22,0
6. Engaged in work/training trials	3 075	3 090	-15	-0,5
7. As a job alternation substitute	106	104	2	1,9
8. Rehabilitative work	1 641	1 331	310	23,3
9. Self-motivated studies supported by unemployment benefit	10 259	8 473	1 786	21,1
1-9 Total number of people participating in services	25 801	24 518	1 283	5,2
D. STRUCTURE OF UNEMPLOYMENT				
1. Unemployed women	15 523	15 048	475	3,2
2. Unemployed men	16 878	16 436	442	2,7
3. Under 25 years old	1 934	2 007	-73	-3,6
4. Over 50 years old	8 117	7 699	418	5,4
5. Unemployed over a year	9 712	7 917	1 795	22,7
E. UNEMPLOYMENT SECURITY				
1. Unemployed members of employees' unemployment funds	7 017	6 729	288	4,3
II EMPLOYMENT SITUATION DURING THE MONTH				
1. Unemployed jobseekers	36 193	35 726	467	1,3
2. Other jobseekers	38 010	33 052	4 958	15,0
1-2 Total number of jobseekers	74 203	68 778	5 425	7,9
4. Started spell of unemployment	4 410	4 262	148	3,5
5. Completed spell of unemployment	4 470	5 053	-583	-11,5
6. New jobs found through employment services	232	372	-140	-37,6
7. New entrants to labour market training	1 395	1 301	94	7,2



Regional table

UNEMPLOYED JOBSEEKERS AND JOBS VACANT BY ELY CENTRE AT THE END OF 2016 MARCH
WHOLE COUNTRY

ELY centre	Workforce	Unemployed jobseekers				Under 20 years old	Under 25 years old	Over 50 years old	Unemployed over a year	Disabled and chron. ill	Jobs vacant
		% of workforce	Total	Men	Women						
Uusimaa	834 595	11,4	94 867	53 251	41 616	1 568	9 897	33 348	38 852	8 633	14 515
Southwest Finland	226 736	13,0	29 403	16 779	12 624	617	3 634	10 531	9 982	3 709	3 669
Satakunta	102 710	14,0	14 425	8 350	6 075	342	1 941	6 010	4 509	1 661	1 842
Häme	176 873	13,9	24 597	13 936	10 661	531	3 113	9 720	8 921	3 755	2 597
Pirkanmaa	243 602	15,4	37 430	21 435	15 995	871	5 243	13 093	13 316	4 028	4 474
Southeast Finland	141 636	16,1	22 845	13 438	9 407	493	2 958	9 318	7 521	2 562	1 872
South Savo	66 523	14,8	9 820	6 108	3 712	241	1 229	4 369	3 220	1 826	1 233
North Savo	112 988	14,0	15 797	9 720	6 077	343	2 146	6 477	4 762	2 434	2 021
North Karelia	73 546	17,3	12 696	7 742	4 954	285	1 636	5 445	3 915	1 542	1 269
Central Finland	127 875	16,8	21 496	12 381	9 115	510	3 013	8 430	8 334	2 495	1 811
South Ostrobothnia	87 939	11,0	9 637	5 758	3 879	258	1 492	3 590	1 984	1 419	1 794
Ostrobothnia	117 839	9,3	10 941	6 605	4 336	265	1 636	3 753	2 936	1 349	1 403
North Ostrobothnia	186 338	14,8	27 574	16 273	11 301	721	4 551	8 652	8 581	3 310	3 579
Kainuu	33 760	16,2	5 484	3 484	2 000	131	672	2 579	1 621	785	765
Lapland	82 688	16,0	13 270	8 379	4 891	221	1 466	5 859	4 056	1 519	1 581
Åland	14 714	3,6	533	321	212	19	88	163	77	39	332
Abroad	0	0,0	166	94	72	..	7	40	46	13	2 640
Total	2 630 362	13,3	350 981	204 054	146 927	7 418	44 722	131 377	122 633	41 079	47 397



Information about the website

On this website you will find the latest statistics from the Ministry of Employment and the Economy's monthly Employment Bulletin. You can access a .pdf version of the current and previous months' Employment Bulletin by following the link on the right. The Employment Bulletin is based on the data from the MEE's Employment Service Statistics. The Ministry of Employment and the Economy compiles statistics on the clients of the Employment and economic development offices (TE offices), including registered job-seekers, labour market policy services, and job vacancies reported to TE offices by employers. The data is collected from the customer service registry (URA) used by the TE offices. This means that the data used by MEE Employment Service Statistics is completely registry-based. The statistical data covers all persons, services, and open vacancies in the aforementioned groups, as separately defined in the registry by the classifications and variables for the statistical period in question.

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http://www.tem.fi/ajankohtaista/lehdet/tyopoliittinen_aikakauskirja
- Joint monthly report from MEE and Statistics Finland
http://tilastokeskus.fi/til/tyti/tie_en.html
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